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SUBJ: ATHENS NEWSPAPERS ON SECRETARY'S REMARKS

1. ATHENS PRESS GAVE PRIORITY COVERAGE ON JUNE 11 TO THE SECRETARY'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HIRC) IN SUPPORT OF THE RESUMPTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY, INCLUDING SUBSEQUENT REMARKS HE REPORTEDLY MADE TO JOURNALISTS. WHILE MOST NEWSPAPERS NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY DESCRIBED THE TURKISH POSITION AS BEING THAT U.S. MILITARY AID MUST BE RESUMED BEFORE TURKEY CAN MAKE ANY TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWALS ON CYPRUS, KATHIMERINI AND AKROPOLIS GAVE CREDIT TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE TURKS TO MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS.

2. SECRETARY IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE U.S. EXPECTS TURKEY TO MOVE TOWARD SOME ACTION IN THE DIRECTION OF CONCESSIONS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT TURKEY OCCUPIES 40 PERCENT OF CYPRUS. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THE SECRETARY TOLD THE HIRC THAT TURKEY HAS INFORMED THE USG IT WILL NOT PROCEED TO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS UNLESS MILITARY AID IS RESUMED.

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PRESS ACCOUNTS CONCLUDE THAT THE CONGRESS IS UNLIKELY TO

BE CONVINCED TO VOTE FOR RESTORATION OF AID.

3. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS ALSO NOTED THAT SECRETARY INFORMED THE HIRC THAT DURING HIS VISITS TO ANKARA HE TOLD THE TURKS THAT THEY HAD AN OBLIGATION TO SHOW GENEROSITY ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THE SECRETARY IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT EXCELLENT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN BRUSSELS WHEN PRESIDENT FORD MET WITH GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND TURKISH PREMIER DEMIREL, BUT HE MADE NO SPECIFIC PREDICTION REGARDING A SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS.

4. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES WERE AS FOLLOWS: "KISSINGER IS PRESSING ANKARA SUDDENLY FOR CONCESSIONS IN LINING UP CONGRESS ON MATTER OF AID" (AKROPOLIS); "IN EXCHANGE FOR RESUMPTION OF AID - WASHINGTON CALLS ON TURKEY TO PROCEED TO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS" (KATHIMERINI); "ANKARA TO KISSINGER - NO CONCESSION IN CYPRUS UNLESS AID IS RESUMED" (TO VIMA); AND "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR KNOWN TACTICS - TURKS DEMAND AID IN ORDER TO MAKE CONCESSIONS" (VRADYNI). KUBISCH

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